The nature of the soil is also important in the application of organic wastes and wastewater to land as fertilizers and irrigation; it is also important when the soil is used as a medium for treatment and disposal of these wastes. Favorable soil properties are required to prevent environmental damage.

The use of organic wastes and wastewater as production resources will result in energy conservation, prevent the waste of these important resources, and prevent problems associated with their disposal. Where disposal is the goal, and a maximum amount is disposed in a minimum area to hold costs to a minimum, risk of environmental damage is the principal constraint. Where the reuse goal is pursued, and a minimum amount is applied to a maximum area to obtain the greatest benefit, environmental damage is unlikely.

Interpretations developed for waste management may include ratings for (1) manure and food processing wastes; (2) municipal sewage sludge; (3) irrigation use of wastewater; or (4) treatment of wastewater by the slow rate process, overland flow process, or rapid infiltration process. If available, these should be located in this subsection.

Soil properties are important considerations in areas where soils are used as sites for the treatment and disposal of organic waste and wastewater. Selection of soils with properties that favor waste management can help to prevent environmental damage.

The Ag-Waste tables show the degree and kind of soil limitations affecting the treatment of agricultural waste, including municipal and food-processing wastewater and effluent from lagoons or storage ponds. Municipal wastewater is the waste stream from a municipality. It contains domestic waste and may contain industrial waste. It may have received primary or secondary treatment. It is rarely untreated sewage. Food-processing wastewater results from the preparation of fruits, vegetables, milk, cheese, and meats for public consumption. In places it is high in content of sodium and chloride. In the context of these tables, the effluent in lagoons and storage ponds is from facilities used to treat or store food-processing wastewater or domestic or animal waste. Domestic and food-processing wastewater is very dilute, and the effluent from the facilities that treat or store it commonly is very low in content of carbonaceous and nitrogenous material; the content of nitrogen commonly ranges from 10 to 30 milligrams per liter. The wastewater from animal waste treatment lagoons or storage ponds, however, has much higher concentrations of these materials, mainly because the manure has not been diluted as much as the domestic waste. The content of nitrogen in this wastewater generally ranges from 50 to 2,000 milligrams per liter. When wastewater is applied, checks should be made to ensure that nitrogen, phosphorus, heavy metals, and salts are not added in excessive amounts.

The ratings in the tables are for waste management systems that not only dispose of and treat organic waste or wastewater but also are beneficial to crops (application of manure and food-processing waste, application of sewage sludge, and disposal of wastewater by irrigation) and for waste management systems that are designed only for the purpose of wastewater disposal and treatment (overland flow of wastewater, rapid infiltration of wastewater, and slow rate treatment of wastewater).

The ratings are both verbal and numerical. Rating class terms indicate the extent to which the soils are limited by all of the soil features that affect agricultural waste management. Not limited indicates that the soil has features that are very favorable for the specified use. Good performance and very low maintenance can be expected. Slightly limited indicates that the soil has features that are generally favorable for the specified use. The limitations are minor and can be easily overcome. Good performance and low maintenance can be expected. Somewhat limited indicates that the soil has features that are moderately favorable for the specified use. The limitations can be overcome or minimized by special planning, design, or installation. Fair performance and moderate maintenance can be expected. Very limited indicates that the soil has one or more features that are unfavorable for the specified use. The limitations generally cannot be overcome without major soil reclamation, special design, or expensive installation procedures. Poor performance and high maintenance can be expected.

Numerical ratings in the tables indicate the severity of individual limitations. The ratings are shown as decimal fractions ranging from 0.00 to 1.00. They indicate gradations between the point at which a soil feature has the greatest negative impact on the use (1.00) and the point at which the soil feature is not a limitation (0.00).

Application of manure and food-processing waste not only disposes of waste material but also can improve crop production by increasing the supply of nutrients in the soils where the material is applied. Manure is the excrement of livestock and poultry, and food-processing waste is damaged fruit and vegetables and the peelings, stems, leaves, pits, and soil particles removed in food preparation. The manure and food-processing waste are either solid, slurry, or liquid. Their nitrogen content varies. A high content of nitrogen limits the application rate. Toxic or otherwise dangerous wastes, such as those mixed with the lye used in food processing, are not considered in the ratings.

The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect absorption, plant growth, microbial activity, erodibility the rate at which the waste is applied, and the method by which the waste is applied. The properties that affect absorption include permeability, depth to a water table, ponding, the sodium adsorption ratio, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, and available water capacity. The properties that affect plant growth and microbial activity include reaction, the sodium adsorption ratio, salinity, and bulk density. The wind erodibility group, the soil erodibility factor K, and slope are considered nestimating the likelihood that wind erosion or water erosion will transport the waste material from the application site. Stones, cobbles, a water table, ponding, and flooding can hinder the application of waste. Permanently frozen soils are unsuitable for waste treatment.

Application of sewage sludge not only disposes of waste material but also can improve crop production by increasing the supply of nutrients in the soils where the material is applied. In the context of this table, sewage sludge is the residual product of the treatment of municipal sewage. The solid component consists mainly of cell mass, primarily bacteria cells that developed during secondary treatment and have incorporated soluble organics into their own bodies. The sludge has small amounts of sand, silt, and other solid debris. The content of nitrogen varies. Some sludge has constituents that are toxic to plants or hazardous to the food chain, such as heavy metals and exotic organic compounds, and should be analyzed chemically prior to use.

The content of water in the sludge ranges from about 98 percent to less than 40 percent. The sludge is considered liquid if it is more than about 90 percent water, slurry if it is about 50 to 90 percent water, and solid if it is less than about 50 percent water.

The ratings in the table are based on the soil properties that affect absorption, plant growth, microbial activity, erodibility, the rate at which the sludge is applied, and the method by which the sludge is applied. The properties that affect absorption, plant growth, and microbial activity include permeability, depth to a water table, ponding, the sodium adsorption ratio, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, available water capacity, reaction, salinity, and bulk density. The wind erodibility group, the soil erodibility factor K, and slope are considered in estimating the likelihood that wind erosion or water erosion will transport the waste material from the application site. Stones, cobbles, a water table, ponding, and flooding can hinder the application of sludge. Permanently frozen soils are unsuitable for waste treatment.

Disposal of wastewater by irrigation not only disposes of municipal wastewater and wastewater from food-processing plants, lagoons, and storage ponds but also can improve crop production by increasing the amount of water available to crops. The ratings in the table are based on the soil properties that affect the design, construction, management, and performance of the irrigation system. The properties that affect design and management include the sodium adsorption ratio, depth to a water table, ponding, available water capacity, permeability, slope, and flooding. The properties that affect construction include stones, cobbles, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, depth to a water table, and ponding.

The properties that affect performance include depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, bulk density, the sodium adsorption ratio, salinity, reaction, and the cation-exchange capacity, which is used to estimate the capacity of a soil to adsorb heavy metals. Permanently frozen soils are not suitable for disposal of wastewater by irrigation.

See the National Soil Handbook, September 1992, Part 620, for criteria used in rating soils for sanitary facilities and waste management.

Map symbol Po and soil name on ma ur		Application of manure and food processing was	_	Application of sewage sludg	e	Disposal of wastewater by irrigation				
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value			
003CD: Collinsville	65	Depth to bedrock	1.00	Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Too acid	1.00	Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Too steep for surface	1.00 1.00 1.00			
		Too acid Slope	0.11	Slope Filtering capacity	0.04	application Too acid Too steep for sprinkler application	0.42			
Bates	20	Somewhat limited Too acid Depth to bedrock	0.11	Somewhat limited Too acid Depth to bedrock	0.42	Somewhat limited Too acid Too steep for surface application	0.42			
003EK:						Depth to bedrock	0.06			
Eram	60		1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock			1.00			
Clareson	20	Droughty Cobble content	1.00	Droughty Too acid Very limited Droughty Cobble content	1.00	surface application Depth to bedrock Droughty Very limited Droughty Cobble content	0.20 0.16 1.00 1.00			
		Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock Slope	0.90	Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock Slope	0.96	Too steep for surface application Restricted permeability	0.96			
003EO: Eram, eroded	40	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock	1.00	Depth to bedrock Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too steep for surface	1.00			
Gullied Land	40	Droughty Too acid Very limited Slope Low adsorption	0.16 0.03 1.00 1.00	Droughty Too acid Very limited Low adsorption Slope	0.16 0.14 1.00 1.00	application Depth to bedrock Droughty Very limited Low adsorption Too steep for surface application Too steep for	0.20 0.16 1.00 1.00			
003EP: Eram	45	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability	1.00	sprinkler application Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability	1.00			
		Slope Depth to bedrock	0.84	Slope Depth to bedrock	0.84	Too steep for surface application Too steep for	0.89			
Talihina	35	Droughty Very limited Depth to bedrock Droughty Restricted permeability Slope	0.10 1.00 1.00 1.00	Too acid Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Slope	0.14 1.00 1.00 1.00	sprinkler application Depth to bedrock Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Too steep for surface	0.20 1.00 1.00 1.00			

Map symbol and soil name	Pct of map unit	Application of manure and food processing was	-	Application of sewage sludg	е	Disposal of wastewater by irrigation		
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	
		Runoff limitation	0.40			Too steep for sprinkler application	0.89	
0030P: Olpe	85	Very limited Restricted	1.00	Very limited Droughty	1.00	Very limited Droughty	1.00	
		permeability Droughty	1.00	Restricted permeability	1.00	Restricted permeability	1.00	
		Too acid	0.11	Too acid	0.42	Too steep for surface application	1.00	
		Slope	0.04	Slope	0.04	Too acid Too steep for sprinkler application	0.42	
0035F: Summit	85	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Too steep for surface application	1.00	
003SH: Summit	85	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Too steep for surface application Too steep for sprinkler application	1.00 0.86 0.66 0.00	
Woodson	85	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Runoff limitation Too acid	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Too acid	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.14	
011PA: Parsons	90	 Very limited		 Very limited		Very limited		
		Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Runoff limitation Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.40 0.01	Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Too acid	1.00	Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Too acid	1.00	
011RC: Ringo	70	Very limited Restricted	1 00	Very limited	1 00	Very limited	1.00	
		permeability Slope	0.63	Restricted permeability Slope	0.63	Restricted permeability Too steep for surface	1.00	
		Depth to bedrock	0.46	Depth to bedrock	0.46	application Too steep for sprinkler	0.77	
		Runoff limitation Droughty	0.40	Droughty	0.19	application Depth to bedrock Droughty	0.46	
Clareson	15	Very limited Restricted	1.00	Very limited Restricted	1.00	Very limited Restricted R	1.00	
		permeability Large stones on the surface Droughty	1.00	permeability Large stones on the surface Droughty	1.00	permeability Large stones on the surface Droughty	1.00	
133BH:			0.29	Depth to bedrock	0.29	Depth to bedrock	0.29	
Bates	45	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability	0.71	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Droughty	0.71	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Too steep for surface application	0.71	

Map symbol and soil name	Pct of map unit	Application of manure and food processing was	_	Application of sewage sludg		Disposal of wastewater by irrigation	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
		Droughty Too acid	0.29	Restricted permeability Too acid	0.22	permeability	0.29
Collinsville	40	Depth to bedrock	1.00 1.00 0.63	Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Slope	1.00	Too acid Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Too steep for surface	1.00 1.00 1.00
		Runoff limitation	0.40	Too acid	0.03	application Too steep for sprinkler	0.77
1227 3 •		Too acid	0.01	Filtering capacity	0.00	application Too acid	0.03
133LA: Lanton	90	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Flooding	1.00	Very limited Flooding Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Flooding	1.00
133sc:		Restricted permeability	0.30	Restricted permeability	0.22	Restricted permeability	0.22
Shidler	50	Very limited Depth to bedrock Droughty Runoff limitation	1.00	Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Cobble content	1.00 1.00 0.02	Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Too steep for surface	1.00 1.00 0.66
Catoosa		Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Droughty Too acid	0.02 0.00 0.39 0.30 0.08 0.03	Too acid Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Too acid Droughty	0.01 0.39 0.22 0.14 0.08	application Cobble content Too acid Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Too acid Droughty	0.02 0.01 0.39 0.22 0.14 0.08
207RD: Ringo	50	Very limited Restricted permeability Runoff limitation	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Slope		Very limited Restricted permeability Too steep for surface	1.00
Sogn	30	Slope Very limited Depth to bedrock Droughty Runoff limitation Slope	1.00	Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Slope	1.00	application Too steep for sprinkler application Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Too steep for surface application Too steep for sprinkler application	0.39 1.00 1.00 1.00
Ba: Bates	88	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Too acid	0.06	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Too acid	0.06	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Too acid Too steep for surface application	0.06 0.01 0.00
Bb: Bates	88	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Too acid	0.06	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Too acid	0.06	Somewhat limited Too steep for surface application Depth to bedrock Too acid Too steep for sprinkler application	0.66 0.06 0.01 0.00
Bc: Bates, eroded	85	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock	0.95	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock	0.95	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock	0.95

Map symbol and soil name	Pct of map unit	Application of manure and food processing was	_	Application Disposal c of sewage sludge wastewater by irrigati			
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
		Droughty Too acid	0.66	Droughty Too acid	0.66	Droughty Too acid Too steep for surface application	0.66 0.42 0.31
BOP: Borrow Pits	100	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
Ca: Catoosa	90	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Droughty Too acid	0.71 0.08 0.03	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Too acid Droughty	0.71 0.14 0.08	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Too acid Droughty	0.71 0.14 0.08
Cb: Catoosa	60	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Droughty Too acid	0.74 0.30 0.07 0.03	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Too acid Droughty	0.74 0.22 0.14 0.07	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Too acid Droughty Too steep for surface	0.74 0.22 0.14 0.07 0.02
Rock Outcrop	30	Not rated		Not rated		application Not rated	
Cc: Collinsville	50	Depth to bedrock	1.00	Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Low adsorption	1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Too steep for surface application	1.00
		Too acid Slope	0.27	Too acid Slope	0.85	Too acid Too steep for sprinkler application	0.85
Bates	40	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock	0.29	Somewhat limited Depth to bedrock		Somewhat limited Too steep for surface	0.31
Day		Droughty Too acid	0.10	Droughty Too acid	0.10	application Depth to bedrock Droughty Too acid	0.29 0.10 0.07
Da: Dennis	90	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.67
Db: Dennis	90	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.67	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid Too steep for surface	1.00 1.00 0.67 0.31
Dc: Dennis	55	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted	1.00	application Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted	1.00
Kenoma	35	permeability Too acid Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability	0.18	permeability Too acid Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability	0.67 1.00 1.00	permeability Too acid Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability	0.67 1.00 1.00

Map symbol Pct of and soil name map uni		Application of manure and food processing was	_	Application of sewage sludg	e	Disposal of wastewater by irrigation	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
Ea: Eram	90	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock Droughty Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.20 0.19 0.03	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock Droughty Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.20 0.19 0.14	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock Droughty Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.20 0.19 0.14
Eb: Eram	90	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock	1.00 1.00 0.46	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too steep for surface application	1.00
Ec: Eram, eroded	90	Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability	1.00 1.00 0.46 0.45 0.03	Droughty Too acid Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock Droughty Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.46 0.45 0.14	Depth to bedrock Droughty Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Depth to bedrock Droughty Too steep for surface application	0.46 0.45 1.00 1.00 0.46 0.45 0.31
GRP: Gravel Pits	100	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
Ka: Kenoma	90	Very limited Restricted permeability Runoff limitation Too acid	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00	Very limited Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00
La: Leanna, drained Ma: Mason		Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Flooding Runoff limitation Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.60 0.40 0.18	Very limited Flooding Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid Somewhat limited	1.00 1.00 1.00 0.67	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid Flooding	1.00 1.00 0.67 0.60
	93	Somewhat limited Restricted permeability Too acid	0.30	Flooding Restricted permeability Too acid	0.40	Somewhat limited Restricted permeability Too acid	0.22
MAL: Made Land	100	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
Na: Nowata	90	Somewhat limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Too acid	0.89 0.71 0.30	Somewhat limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Too acid	0.89 0.71 0.22	Somewhat limited Droughty Depth to bedrock Too steep for surface application Restricted permeability	0.89 0.71 0.31
Oa: Olpe	85	Very limited Droughty	1.00	Very limited Droughty	1.00	Too acid Very limited Droughty	0.14

Map symbol Pct and soil name of map uni		Application of manure and food- processing waste		Application of sewage sludge		Disposal of wastewater by irrigation	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
		Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00	Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00	Restricted permeability Too steep for surface	1.00
		Slope	0.04	Slope	0.04	application Too acid Too steep for sprinkler application	0.42
Ob: Osage	- 100	Very limited Ponding Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Flooding	1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited Ponding Depth to saturated zone Flooding Restricted permeability	1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited Ponding Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Flooding	1.00 1.00 1.00 0.60
Oc: Osage	90	Runoff limitation Very limited Restricted permeability Ponding Depth to saturated zone Flooding Runoff limitation	1.00 1.00 1.00	Too acid Very limited Restricted permeability Ponding Depth to saturated zone Flooding	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	Too acid Very limited Restricted permeability Ponding Depth to saturated zone Flooding	1.00 1.00 1.00 0.60
Qa: Quarry	- 100		0.40	Not rated		Not rated	
Ta: Talihina	- 100	Very limited Depth to bedrock Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Droughty Slope	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.84	Very limited Depth to bedrock Depth to Saturated zone Droughty Restricted permeability Slope	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 0.84	Very limited Depth to bedrock Depth to Saturated zone Droughty Restricted permeability Too steep for surface application	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00
Tb: Talihina	- 85	Very limited Droughty Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Slope Depth to bedrock	1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited Droughty Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Slope Depth to bedrock	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited Droughty Depth to saturated zone Too steep for surface application Restricted permeability Too steep for sprinkler	1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00
	- 90	Somewhat limited Flooding	0.60	Very limited Flooding	1.00	application Somewhat limited Flooding	0.60
Vb: Verdigris	- 90	Very limited Flooding	1.00	Very limited Flooding	1.00	Very limited Flooding	1.00
W: Water	- 100	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
wa: Woodson	90	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Runoff limitation Too acid	1.00 1.00 0.40 0.03	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00	Very limited Depth to saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid	1.00

Map symbol and soil name	Pct of map unit	Application of manure and food- processing waste		Application of sewage sludge		Disposal of wastewater by irrigation	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
Za: Zaar ZAA: Zaar	100	Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Runoff limitation Very limited Restricted		Very limited Restricted permeability Depth to saturated zone Very limited Depth to	1.00	saturated zone Very limited Depth to	1.00
Zb: Zaar	100	permeability Depth to saturated zone Runoff limitation Too acid Very limited Restricted permeability	1.00 0.40 0.01	saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid Very limited Restricted permeability	1.00	saturated zone Restricted permeability Too acid Very limited Restricted permeability	1.00
		Depth to saturated zone Runoff limitation	0.40	Depth to saturated zone	1.00	Depth to saturated zone Too steep for surface application	0.31